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RE: AT&T / T-Mobile USA Merger

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
and
Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Assistant Attorney General Varney, Chairman Genachowski and Senior Counsel Hesse:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger of AT&T, Inc. and T-Mobile USA from my perspective as a concerned citizen and as an enterprise mobility vendor/consultant to many mid-west corporations.

I feel strongly that the GPRS/UMTS/HSPA+ network styles that both T-Mobile and AT&T support are most needed by personal use cellular phones and corporate America mobility based applications. As these network types are supported today solely by AT&T and T-Mobile on a nationwide scale, it would serve only to decrease competition and stifle innovation – as AT&T would be the: "Only game in town." There are others that state CDMA/EVDO carriers (Sprint and Verizon) are sufficient competition, but this is not true to those that require GPRS based devices. GPRS devices allow corporations to easily move and activate devices on different cellular lines and needed data plans with the simple ease of moving a SIM card. GPRS devices can be easily moved to Europe and other areas of the world as most other nations use GPRS based communications technology. This stated simplicity and ease of movement is a requirement for many US companies and citizens.

I do not trust AT&T to be looking out for the best interest of their customers if they were to become the sole provider of voice and data for GPRS based mobile devices. Giving this monopoly to one vendor would not be consistent with the FTC and FCC goals of keeping a competitive landscape. AT&T has not been a good provider of these services as shown in the last Consumer Reports article on American consumer's satisfaction with their cellular carrier. Why would it then make any sense to provide them a monopoly on GPRS service in the US?

I have no financial stake in my reason for writing this letter - I am neither an employee of AT&T, nor T-Mobile; I do not sell their services. I am a concerned citizen with knowledge of how the cellular and mobile data hand-held device companies function and operate. Should this merger be allowed, I see my customers and the general American population as victims of an unnecessarily large company that will use its monopoly to only profit itself and not the enrich the lives of the population it serves.

I ask that this merger not be allowed to occur, please keep the competitive landscape available for the future of all US cellular services users and companies. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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